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1. Within the USSR the MVD provides the only safe-hand courier pouch service for the military, as it does for all government agencies transferring classified documents. The organizations responsible for this activity are the MVD Field Courier Service and the MVD Field Communications Service (Feldyegerskaya Pochta and Feldyegerskaya Svyaz).
2. The Soviet Army uses its own radio facilities for communications between military districts. doubtful that most military districts have their own direct radio communication with Moscow. Between local military units, their own radio circuits are used with enciphered traffic.
3. Governmental telegraph facilities are used extensively by the Soviet Army. The Army also uses regular civil telegraph lines. Telegraph traffic is very heavy, but service is good. Telegraph facilities are monitored by the MVD for security reasons, and the MVD also guards these facilities. Major Soviet Army headquarters are equipped with telecon service. not know what telegraph facilities are used for transmission of telecon service. 25X1
4. Civil telephone lines are very busy, and under normal circumstances there may be substantial delays in getting a call through. Senior individuals in the Soviet Army or other agencies, however, can always get prompt service. Neither the Soviet Army, Communist Party, MVD, nor other similar organizations have special private civil telephone or telegraph lines for their exclusive use.

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